A Co 4-31 Squad Ops and the War on Terror

25 June03

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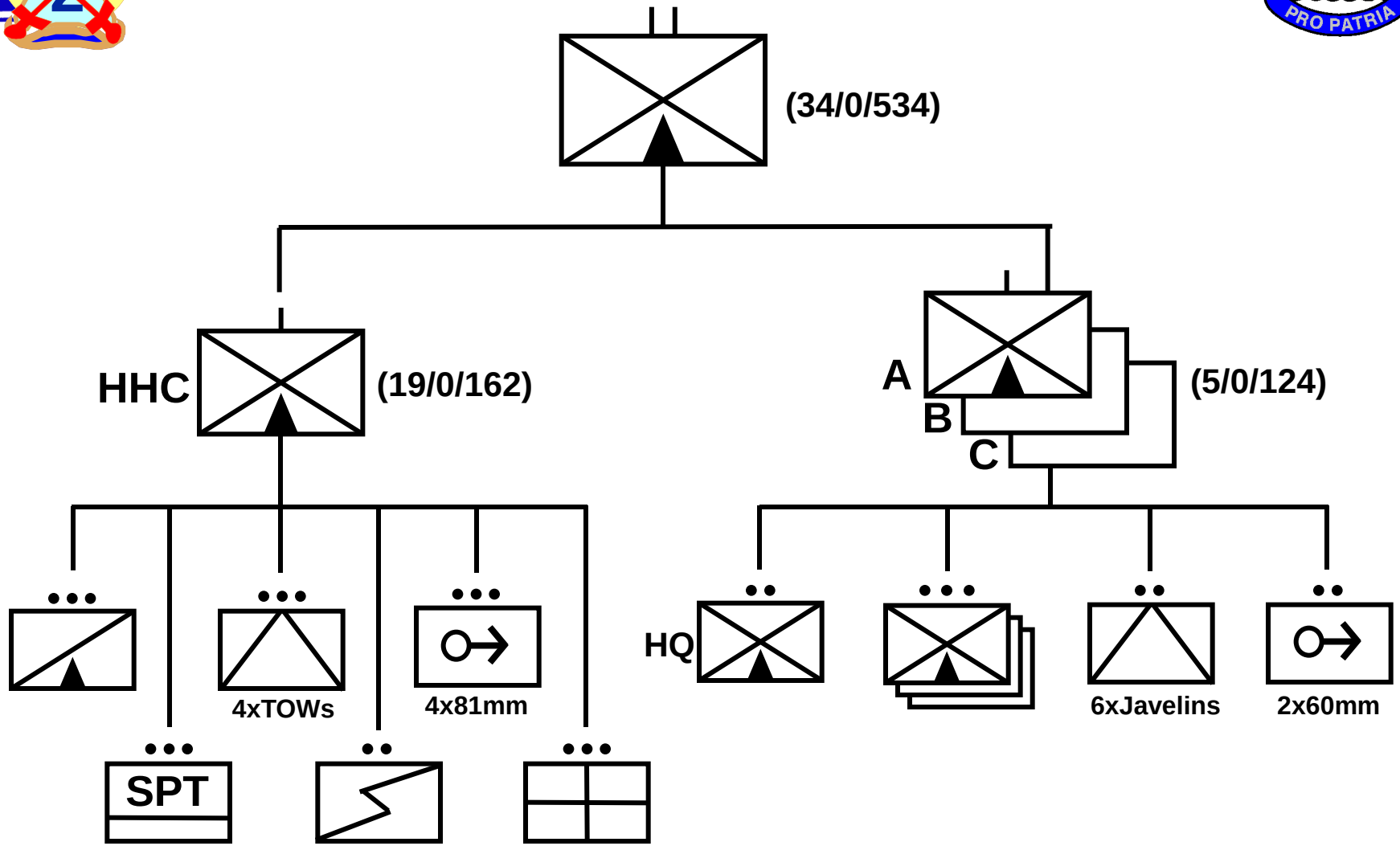
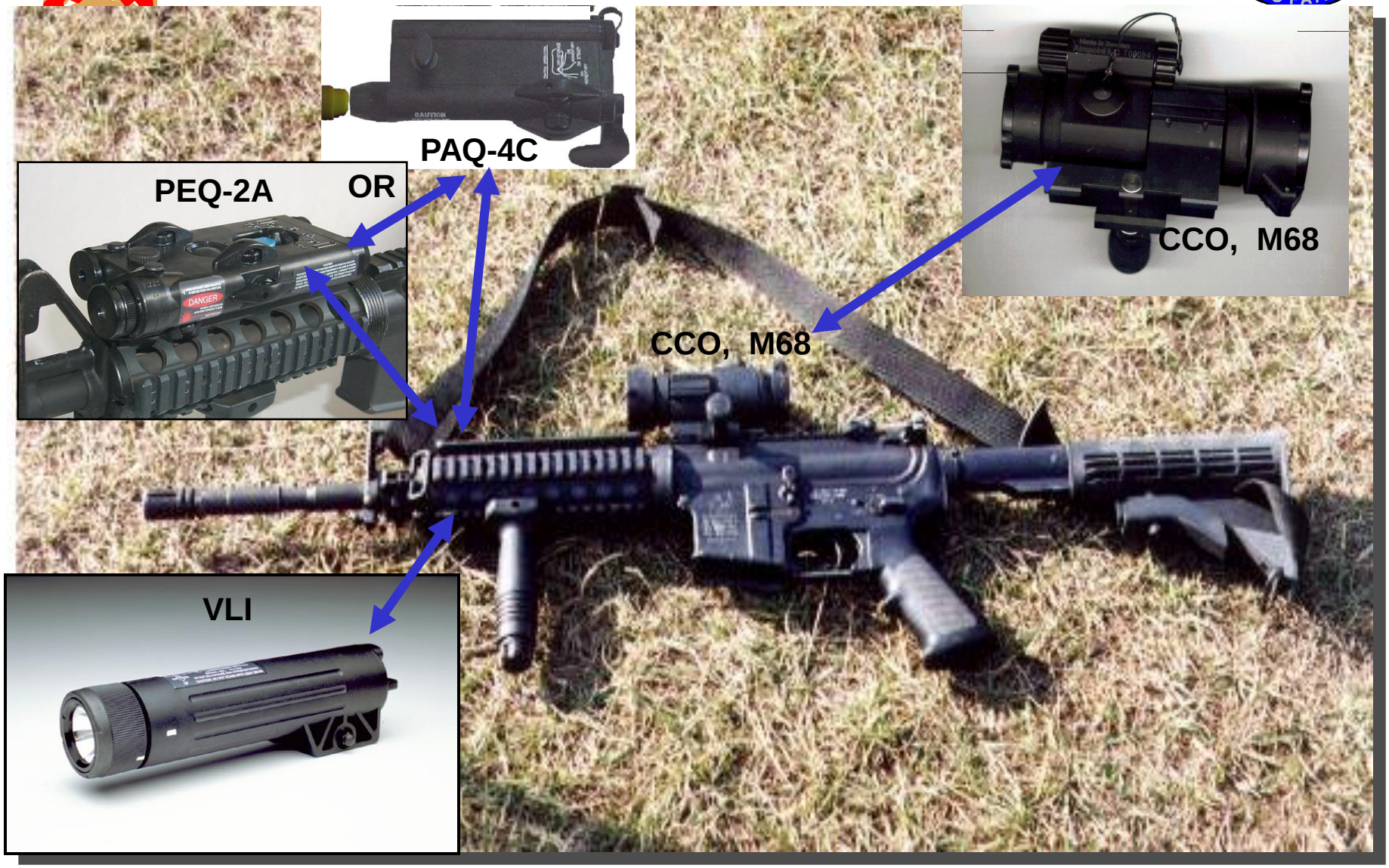
4-31 IN Organization

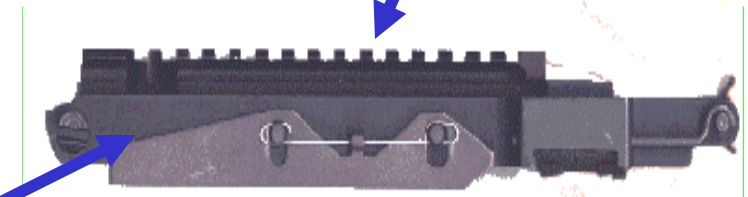


M4 Carbine (MWS)

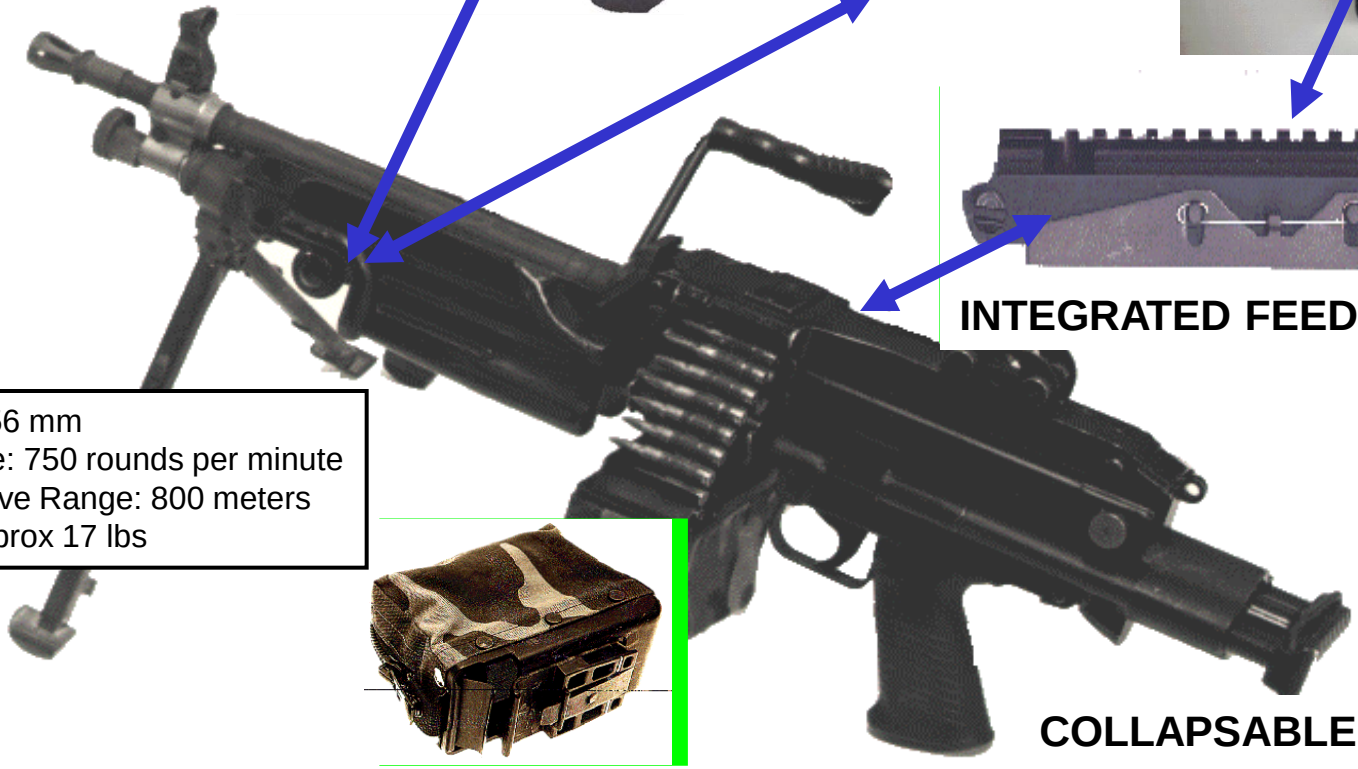


M249 Squad Automatic Weapon

SHORT BARREL



INTEGRATED FEEDTRAY COVER

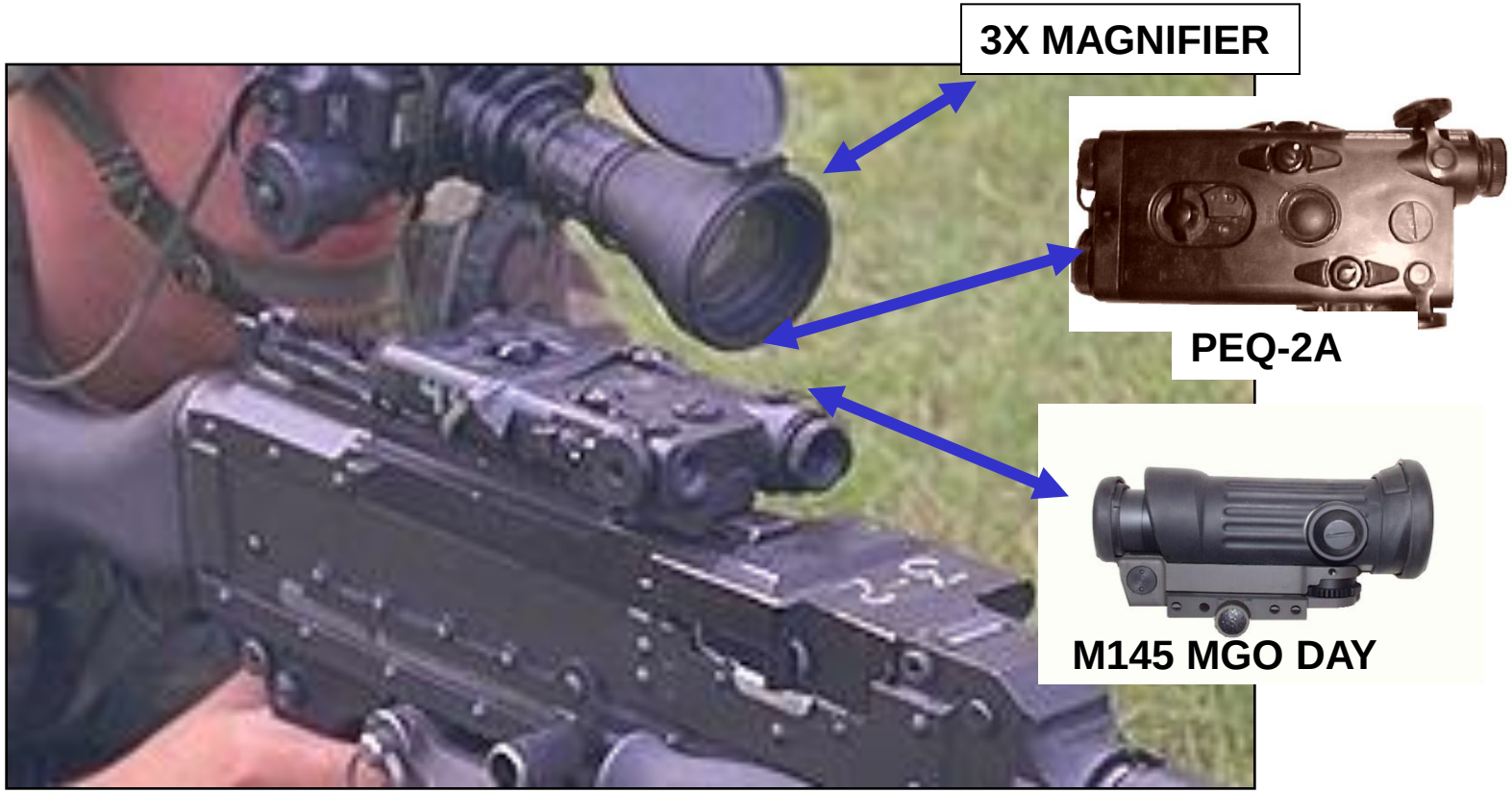


Caliber: 5.56 mm
Rate of Fire: 750 rounds per minute
Max Effective Range: 800 meters
Weight: approx 17 lbs

COLLAPSABLE BUTTSTOCK

100rnd SOFT AMMO POUCH

M240B
Medium Machine Gun



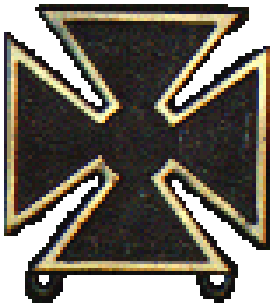
Caliber: 7.62 mm
Max effective range: 1,100 meters
Rate of Fire: 650-950 (cyclic)
Weight: 27 lbs (plus 20 lbs for tripod/T&E)

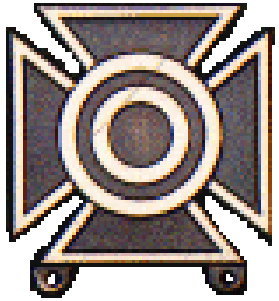
Battle Focused Physical Training:

- Daily PT: 0700 - 0815, Year Round
- Battle Focused
  - Combatives
  - Rope and Cargo Net Climb (Do Weekly)
  - Litter and Water Can Carries
- Foot Marches (Weekly 4-6 Miles, Quarterly 15+ Miles)
- 4 Mile Run Standard- 36 Minutes
- Pull-Ups (6)

Marksmanship Expertise

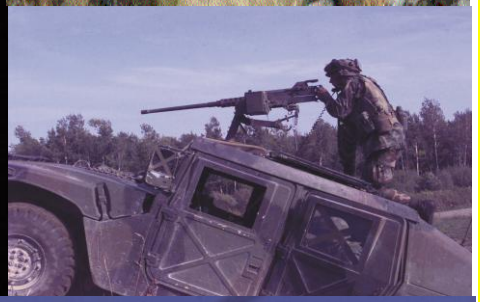
- **Close Quarters Marksmanship (Quarterly)**
- **Zero & Qualification: M4, M249, M240B (Semi-annually)**

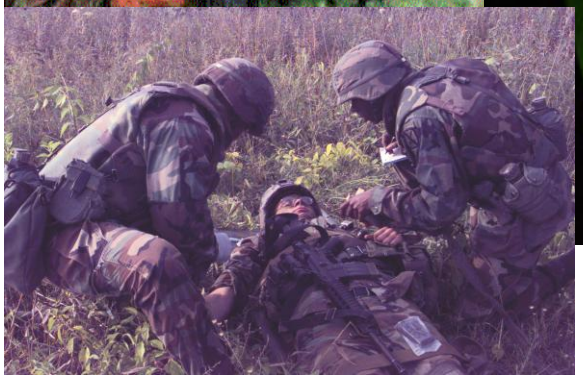




Live Fire Expertise

- Day and Night
- Train with slice
- Frequency:
  - Squads—Quarterly
  - Platoons—Semi annual
  - Companies—Annual





MOUT Expertise

–Squad and Platoon Battle Drills trained quarterly

–Mountain Leader Close Combat Certification Course (MLC4): 1 x leader per squad

–4-31 IN selected to conduct MOUT demonstration for Army CoS

CHRONOLOGY

11 SEP – The Terrorists Strike First

11-12 SEP - Defense of Ft. Drum

- Prepared to Assist Civil Auth. in NYC

13-19 SEP - “Stand-by To Get Ready”…

20 SEP - Assume DRF1, Prepare To Deploy.

23 SEP - 1400Hrs, Phonecall:

“Could You Deploy a Company w/in 2 Hrs?”

CHRONOLOGY

26 SEP - 4-31 Directed to Form “TF Polar Bear”

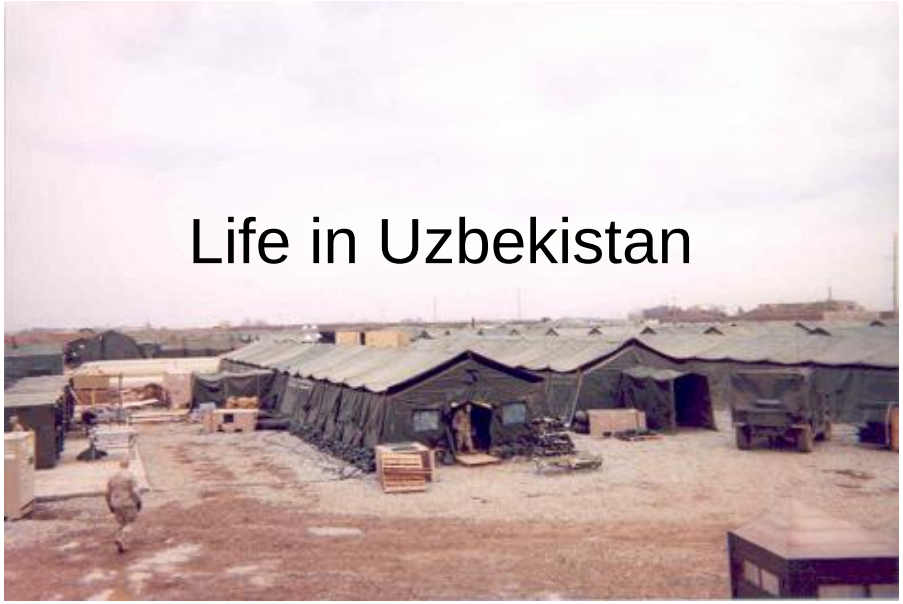
- 4-31(-) plus 1 X FA Battery,1 X ENG Co, 2 X ADA Batteries
- TASK: Force Protection QRF

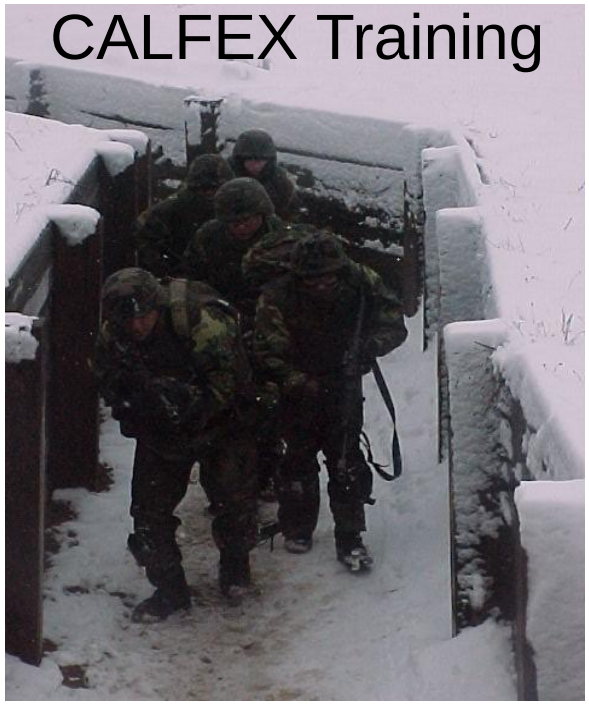
2 OCT - A/4-31 Advance Party Deploys to Kuwait

- 1ST Overseas Deployment by 10TH MD in War On Terror

4 OCT - TM A Main Body Deploys

- Organized with 5 Platoons (to make 3)
- TASK: Force Protection at Camp Doha, Escort Troops & Equipment, Prepared to Send 1 X Plt to Camp Asayliya, Qatar


Life in Uzbekistan


CALFEX Training

MOUT training in Kuwait

CHRONOLOGY

25 NOV - 10TH MD HQs Alerted for Deployment to Karshi-Khanabad, UZ as “CFLCC – Forward”

28 NOV - Warning Order: 1 X Company to K-2 for CSAR/QRF

- C co Begins PACK OUT III

1 DEC - A co Remains at Camp Doha, KU

- 3/B Remains at Camp Asayliya, QA
- AT Plt at K2, UZ and Baghram, AF

7 DEC - DIV Warning Order: 2 BTF(-) to Deploy by 1 JAN

CHRONOLOGY

10-17 DEC - Bn CDR & CSM Visit 4-31 Troops in Kuwait and Qatar

- Planning for Deployment of 2 BTF Continues
- Operation PACK OUT IV

19 DEC - C Co Deploys w/ HQ, 2 BDE

- TASK: Security Ops in UZ, o/o AF
- Rest of Bn to “Follow in Days”

26 DEC - TF Commando in MES – Sheberghan Prison

- Air Priority shifts to 101ST

SHEBERGHAN PRISON

MAZAR-E-SHARIF

CHRONOLOGY

MES Base Build-up

3 JAN - G3 Update
- Situation Fluid, Airflow “Unlikely”
- Plan now to relieve 1-87 early FEB

4 JAN - DOL: Aircraft inbound 8 JAN!
- Decision: Not Now… Wait…
- De-palletize & Download Vehicles

24 JAN - Warning Order: Prepare to Move
- Mid to Late February
- Bn PACK OUT V…Cautiously!

17-26 FEB - Command Visit & Site Survey to K2, Bagram, Kuwait
- Operation Anaconda Planning

CHRONOLOGY

2 MAR - Opn Anaconda Begins

3 MAR - C Co at K2 Ordered to Bagram

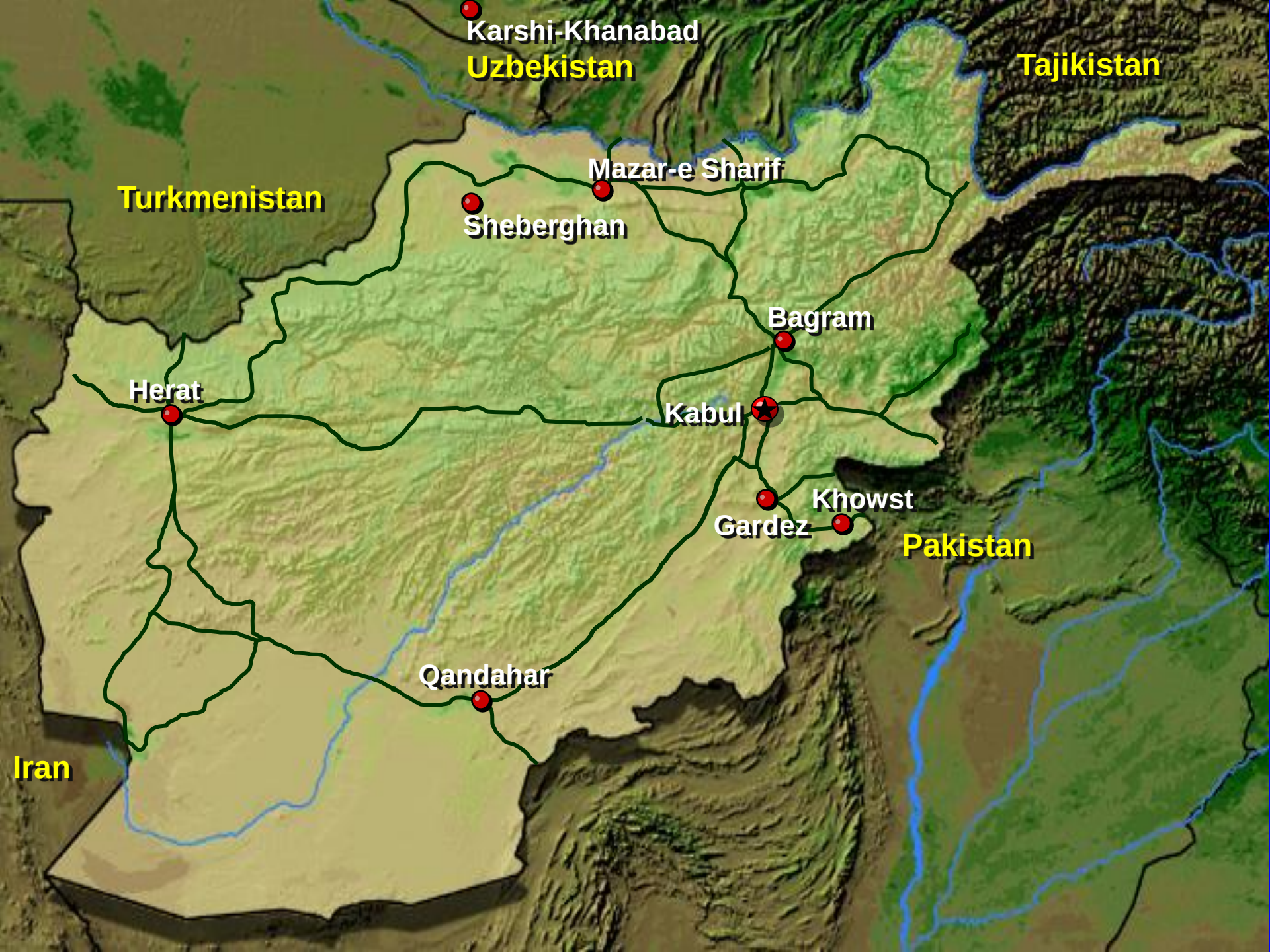
4 MAR - A Co at Doha Ordered to Bagram

5 MAR - C Co & AT Plt Committed to Battle with 1-87

7 MAR - 4-31(-) Ordered to Bagram
- TAC Initially, Then Rest of TF

14 MAR - C Co Withdrawn to Bagram
- A Co Air Assaults to Clear “Whale”
- Bn TAC Arrives Bagram

16 MAR - A Co Withdrawn to Bagram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Uzbekistan
Tajikistan
Turkmenistan
Mazar-e Sharif
Sheberghan
Bagram
Herat
Kabul
Khowst
Gardez
Pakistan
Qandahar
Iran

OPERATION ANACONDA

SHAH-I-KHOWT VALLEY

OPERATION ANACONDA

OPN HARPOON

CHRONOLOGY

15-16 MAR - First Mission to TF 4-31

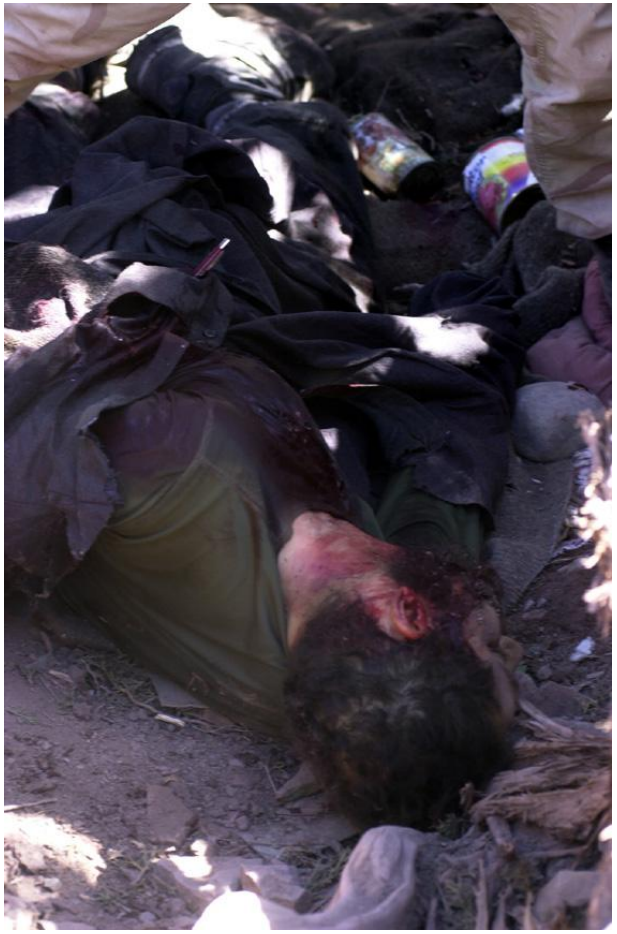
- Plt Air Assault to Recover U.S. Mortar Cache

16-17 MAR - Planning for Operation Polar Harpoon

18-19 MAR - Opn Polar Harpoon

- OBJ Siberia - Takur Ghar
- OBJ Glock - Upper Shah-I-Khowt & Ginger Pass

OPN POLAR HARPOON



OPN POLAR HARPOON

CHRONOLOGY

20-23 MAR - Squad & Platoon Missions

24 MAR - 3 APR - CTF MTN Reserve

26-29 MAR - Opn Predator Lightning

- SSE in “Ginger Pass”
- Working with 3 SFG & AMF

30 MAR - Chairman Karzai Visits Bagram

OPERATION PREDATOR LIGHTNING

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CHRONOLOGY

4-12 APR - Redeploy TF 4-31 from Afghanistan

15 APR - Welcome/Awards Ceremony

16-20 APR - Redeploy 3/B from Qatar

17 APR - 1 MAY - Block Leave

14-21 MAY - Exercise Polar Peak
- Task Force Air Assault
- Squad & Platoon LFXs

EQUIPMENT

AAR - SUSTAINS

+ NVGs - One/Soldier - PVS14 monocular preferred over PVS7
+ Aiming Lasers - One/Soldier - PEQ2 preferred over PAQ4C
+ Optical Sights - One/Weapon
+ Body Armor - Interceptor is good
+ SMAW-D Bunker Buster
+ Goretex clothing
+ MBITR radios
+ Vehicles - MGATOR - the old “Mule” has finally arrived
  - HMMWV is Awesome
+ Chinooks

EQUIPMENT

AAR - IMPROVES

- Optical Sights - Need one without batteries or on/off switch
- Team & Squad Intercom - ICOM is fragile, not Army standard
- GPS - The civilians have figured it out
- Goretex - Make it quiet
- MGATOR - Need more
- HMMWV - Replacement should fit inside the chinook
- SATCOM Capability - Radios complex, bulky, immobile
    - Need more channels and bandwidth

Weapons Considerations

- Lethality (5.56 mm)
- Weight (MGs, Mortars)
- Range (60 mm mortars)
- Optics—Batteries, FOV vs Power

Questions